

USACE FINANCE CENTER  
BIWEEKLY REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING 25 JUNE 1999

**CEFMS:**

CEFMS ISSUES:

a. We received a verbal inquiry from DISC4 representatives, Ron Giusty and LTC Cranford, concerning the DOD requirement to complete a 2nd independent test of CEFMS Y2K compliance. LTC Cranford stated that mission critical systems are required to complete an independent Y2K test. He further explained that testing efforts completed prior to certification do not meet the requirement since the test completion dates must be after certification. Our tentative plans include an on-site Y2K test by the DISC4 Y2K test team. The test team efforts will be completed with assistance from the USACE Finance Center Systems Development and Maintenance Directorate. DISC4 plans to begin testing the week of 9-13 Aug 99. LTC Cranford stated General Campbell will brief the Secretary of Defense at the semi-annual Y2K update 16 Jul 99. He implied that CEFMS will be shown with a green colored indicator signifying these required tests are scheduled.

b. The initial live trial of the CEFMS/SPS interface was run at 1700 hours on 22 Jun 99. We encountered some file manipulation/creation errors that we believe have now been corrected. The conditions that caused the errors were previously tested but did not show up in the test environment due principally to differences between the ftp client configurations, the test platform, the CEAP server, and different configurations affecting SED (Unix stream editor) on rmf22 and cpc26. At this time (25 Jun 99), it appears the unload is working satisfactorily. However, the menu option for the ftp process is not working. Tests show that we can run the ftp process successfully from the command line and we have offered to do that for Vicksburg District (MVK) until the menu program is changed.

c. We released the following notable changes/corrections to the CEFMS source code this week:

(1) Corrected foreign currency FLUX account entry when user reverses a certified voucher.

(2) Installed WINSTUBS program at UFC. Will print advice notices for all vendor payments. (See Other UFC Issues for more

detail.)

(3) Completed functionality for separation of HNC PROSPECT Training Bills for billable vacancies and actual attendance. We also provided the capability to adjust training bills.

(4) We released the source code, updated the CEFMS/CETAL tables to provide the capability to cost labor for hydropower sites at the same rate the labor is paid. This was an issue raised at the CFO IPR by the Northwestern Division RM for Walla Walla District.

#### PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 996 versus 1,104 on the last report. The inventory includes 141 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 18 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

This is the first time we have completed a biweekly reporting period with the Open Problem Inventory at less than 1,000 since June 26, 1997.

b. Thirty-nine (39) of the sixty-three databases have no imbalances, six (6) have one, ten (10) have two, three (3) have three, another four (4) sites have nine or less. Only one site has ten. The grand total of database imbalances across the complete system is seventy (70). To the best of our knowledge that is the lowest number of imbalances at the end of any biweekly reporting system except for 30 September, end of the fiscal year, when we ensure that all imbalances are corrected prior to closing the databases.

#### **ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:**

##### CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

##### UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

a. The next and the last site(s) HECSA (servicing the NCR locations) in the current schedule will be consolidated on 1 August 1999.

##### NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

<u>LOCATION:</u>	<u>NUMBER:</u>
Huntsville	28
Millington	276

Washington	2
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	3
Total	310

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS BY CHECK:	As of 05/31/99	Current Month	Year to Date
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Checks Issued	196,163	33,544	229,707
Dollar Amount	\$3,003,755,292	\$360,269,727	\$3,364,025,019

BY EFT:

Transfers Made	63,908	18,949	82,857
Dollar Amount	\$1,787,888,378	\$358,555,104	\$2,146,443,482

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. Five accountants from the Accounting Operations, Field Reporting Branch have been assigned on a part time basis, at non-peak periods, to assist the Accounts Receivable and Debt Management Branch in a final FY 99 push to reduce the outstanding \$17M accounts receivable between USACE activities. Since November 1998, the USACE Finance Center has reduced outstanding accounts receivable between USACE activities by \$40M.

b. During the last six months a special team has reviewed the supported activities delinquent accounts receivable (travel reimbursement overpayments) and outstanding travel advances that were assumed by the USACE Finance Center at consolidation. Results from the team's effort reflect collection of \$175K delinquent receivables and travel advances and approximately 70 administrative payroll offsets sent to DFAS-DE for initiation of collection. Twenty-nine supported activities are now show a status of "current" for travel actions and twenty-two activities need additional work that is scheduled for completion by 30 September 1999.

c. The UFC Directorate of Accounting Operations requested check stub functionality be added to the CEFMS disbursing capability. On June 22, 1999 that functionality was deployed at the UFC. The WINSTUBS program was added to facilitate the printing of stubs for both EFT and Treasury Check disbursements. This functionality will allow the disbursing office to process the daily disbursements in a much quicker and more efficient manner. The CHECK/EFT STUBS will eliminate the need to mail hard copy SF1034s or invoices back to vendors for contract payments. This functionality will also be used in conjunction with the

automatic mail insertion/folder/stuffer equipment that is being procured will further enhance the UFC disbursing process. These improvements will allow for a drastic reduction in overtime costs and ultimately require fewer personnel to perform the disbursing function.

Description of the Stub: Same size as a Treasury Check which contains the vendor address that can be inserted in a window envelope and provides the following pertinent information to vendors:

- Obligation #
- Delivery order #
- Invoice #
- Payment Date
- Payment method: Check or EFT
- Payment Amount
- Interest or Discount